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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters", "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II", "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" and "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 55th, 56th and 62nd meetings, on 10, 11 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.55, 56 and 62).

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3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the notes by the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (A/C.5/53/56), on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (A/C.5/53/52), on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (A/C.5/53/55) and on the financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (A/C.5/53/57) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/895).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/53/L.57

4. At the 62nd meeting, on 27 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters, financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti and financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda" (A/C.5/53/L.57), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/53/L.57 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters, financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti and financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the notes by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to address the outstanding issues in connection with the preparation of the related final performance information;

(c) Approves, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the United Nations Operation in Somalia with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support for the Operation shall

[1] A/C.5/53/52, A/C.5/53/55, A/C.5/53/56 and A/C.5/53/57.

[2] A/53/895, paras. 43–48.

be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present decision;

(d) Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters", "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II", "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" and "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".

Annex

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulations 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II until payment is effected;

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received, shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.